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## OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

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l. (Secret - JMM) In response to Frank Slatinshek's request,
Larry Houston, and I met with
Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee
staff, to review Agency programs in Southeast Asia which might be the
subject of questions at tomorrow's appearance of Defense representatives
on the Defense procurement authorization bill. (See
Memo for Record for details.)

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- 2. (Confidential JMM) David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say he had set up a meeting tomorrow with Senator Milton Young at 0930 and Senator Allen Ellender at 1000 hours for discussion of legislation regarding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, and would like Cord Meyer and me to participate.
- 3. (Confidential JMM) Called Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, regarding a meeting with Colonel White and Bronson Tweedy preparatory to hearings scheduled by Chairman Ellender later this month on the community intelligence budget. Woodruff said he understood our problem and would indeed meet with us before the formal hearing, but could not do so this week.
- 4. (Confidential JMM) and I met with Chairman James M. Hanley, Subcommittee on Employee Benefits, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and John Martiny and Richard Barton, of the Committee staff, and explained the Agency position regarding the Ervin bill on privacy of Federal employees. Hanley seemed sympathetic and recognized the Agency's reluctance to appear in open session despite the fact the Committee has a policy against closed sessions. He apparently welcomed our suggestion that instead of a formal session, if the Subcommittee did wish to examine the problem in a body, we might invite them to Headquarters for a breakfast meeting and brief them informally.

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